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Volunteers needed to help with homeless count

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – The Macomb County Homeless Coalition and Macomb County Continuum of Care are looking for volunteers to assist at a Community Connection Day and "Point in Time Count" for the homeless.

The community connection day will serve as both a way to get an accurate count of the county's homeless population and help them get housing and other services. The "Point in Time Count" is required in order to receive homeless funds from the state and federal governments.

Volunteers will be needed to ensure the homeless get all the services available, interview participants to ensure they are counted and prepare and serve lunch.

Services offered at the event will include:

- Food
- Personal care (haircuts, personal care supplies and clothing)
- Health screenings (blood pressure, glucose, etc.)
- Mental health screenings

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- General benefits counseling (Department of Human Services, Social Security, etc.)
- Substance abuse recovery groups and individual coaching
- Legal services
- Employment services (job referrals, employment counseling)
- Housing and shelter information
- Activities to empower homeless and create a "community"

The Community Connection Day and Point in Time Count will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at the Erin Presbyterian Church, 30000 Gratiot Ave. in Roseville.

Last year's count recorded a total of 947 homeless in Macomb County.

A volunteer orientation day is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the MCREST office, 20415 Erin St. in Roseville.

For more information or to volunteer, call Carrie Fortune at 586-783-0916.

About Macomb County

Macomb County is an enriching community in Southeastern Michigan that has one of the state's fastest rates of growth. Its 834,000 residents make it Michigan's third-largest county, with direct access to Lake St. Clair and Anchor Bay, and a host of cultural and entertainment options. Its highly skilled workforce and investment in new and expanding businesses make it open to enterprise. Active civic leadership translates into balanced budgets and Michigan's second-lowest tax rate. An increasingly diverse population and high quality of life make Macomb County accessible to all.